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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/649,535	PHAM ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Joseph Valenza	3651	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 and 34-70 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8, 11-18, 34-36, 41-51, 54-60 and 64-70 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7, 9, 10, 37-40, 52, 53 and 61-63 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The election of the specie of figure 5 without traverse in paper filed July 19, 2004 is acknowledged.

2. Claims 1-3, 6, 8, 13, 14, 18, 34-36, 41-51, 54-60, 64-67, 69 and 70 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(f) as being anticipated by Pham '658.

The claimed invention was invented by Mr. Pham as taught by figures A, 4 and 4A. The web portion downstream of first roller 402 is the solvent-bearing portion and the web portion downstream of third roller 327 is the dry cleaning portion.

3. Claims 4, 5, 12, 15-17 and 68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pham '658.

It would have been obvious to add the teachings of wiper 305 of figure 3A on the opposite side of belt 232 in figure 4.

4. Claims 7, 9, 10, 37-40, 52, 53 and 61-63 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

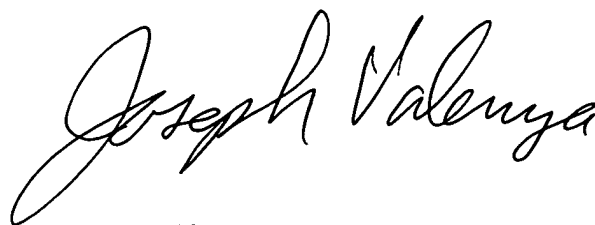
5. Claims 11, 64 and 65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph for being unclear.

In claims 9 and 56, the web is required to contain solvent. Why would you add a solvent dispenser to add additional solvent?

6. Hara et al, Inoue et al, Rottman, Ghisalberti et al, Bessho et al, Kreckel et al and Schuster et al are pertinent.

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Joseph E. Valenza at telephone number (703) 308-2577. Amendments may be faxed to (703) 872-9306. My normal work week is Monday through Thursday.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Valenza". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

JOSEPH E. VALENZA
PRIMARY EXAMINER